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SUBJ: GON POLICY ON VISIT OF FOREIGN JOURNALISTS TO NIGER

REF: A. STATE 151335 B. STATE 152885

1. DURING MEETING WITH MINISTER OF INFORMATION LT. CYRILLE
JULY 16 HE CLARIFIED GON'S POLICY TOWARDS FOREIGN
JOURNALISTS AS FOLLOWS: FOREIGN JOURNALISTS ARE
WELCOME TO COME TO NIAMEY BUT DURING PRESENT EMERGENCY
DROUGHT SITUATION THEY WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TRAVEL
IN INTERIOR ON ANY MISSION RELATED TO DROUGHT. LOCAL
OFFICIALS ARE FULLY ENGAGED IN DEALING WITH DROUGHT SITUATION
AND DO NOT HAVE TIME TO COPE WITH OTHER THAN OFFICIAL MISSIONS
TO INTERIOR APPROVED BY MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND THIS DOES
NOT INCLUDE JOURNALISTS.

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2. FOR DAKAR APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING ABOVE TO AL MCCONAGHA OF MINNEAPOLIS TRIB (REF A) AND TELLING HIM IF HE STILL DECIDES TO VISIT NIAMEY WE WILL BE PLEASED TO TALK TO HIM AND BRIEF HIM ON US DROUGHT EFFORTS BUT HE SHOULD NOT EXPECT TRAVEL OUTSIDE NIAMEY.

3. FOR OUAGA APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING SAME MESSAGE TO JACK THOMAS OF BOSTON GLOBE (REF B).

4. PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER MCCONAGHA AND THOMAS STILL PLAN TO COME OUR WAY.HECK

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